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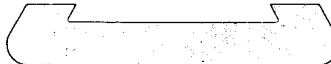
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**PROBABLE PREPARATIONS FOR CSS-NX-3 LOADING**  
**XIAOPING DAO SUBMARINE BASE, CHINA**

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1. (SWN) SIGNIFICANCE: THE CHINESE MAY BE PREPARING FOR A SECOND AT-SEA LAUNCH OF THE CSS-NX-3.

2. (SWN) REMARKS: PROBABLE PREPARATIONS FOR A CSS-NX-3 SUBMARINE-LAUNCHED BALLISTIC MISSILE (SLBM) LOADING ARE IN PROGRESS AT XIAOPING DAO SUBMARINE BASE. A LARGE FLOATING CRANE, USED FOR THE LOADING OF THE FIRST CSS-NX-3 SLBM, HAS RETURNED TO THE BASE SINCE [REDACTED] AND IS MOORED OUTBOARD OF THE G-CLASS BALLISTIC MISSILE SUBMARINE (SSB). TWO ELECTRONICS/CHECKOUT VAN TRUCKS HAVE ARRIVED AT THE QUAY SINCE [REDACTED] ONE MOBILE CRANE AND TWO VAN TRUCKS ARE ALSO ON THE QUAY. THE SLBM-ASSOCIATED CRANE REMAINS IN THE SAME POSITION AS ON [REDACTED] THE SLBM CANISTER TRANSPORTER IS NOT OBSERVED, AND ITS ABSENCE SUGGESTS THAT THE SLBM HAS NOT YET BEEN LOADED.

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(SWN) THE LARGE FLOATING CRANE AND THE ELECTRONICS/CHECKOUT VAN TRUCKS WERE AT XIAOPING DAO ON [REDACTED] PRIOR TO THE FIRST AT-SEA LAUNCH OF THE CSS-NX-3 SLBM ON [REDACTED] (SAC DAILY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY, [REDACTED] 1982 SWN). THE SIMILARITY OF THE ACTIVITY OBSERVED PRIOR TO THE FIRST AT-SEA LAUNCH AND THE ACTIVITY TODAY SUGGESTS THAT A SECOND CSS-NX-3 MISSILE WILL PROBABLY BE LOADED, AND A SECOND AT-SEA LAUNCH MAY TAKE PLACE IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

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3. [REDACTED], COORDINATES 38-49-01N 121-29-39E

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